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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Baser of Bristol,  
Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Botzow of Pownal,  
Carr of Brandon, Conquest of Newbury, Dickinson of  
St. Albans Town, Frenier of Chelsea, Harrison of Chittenden,  
Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott,  
Hooper of Randolph, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of  
Woodstock, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford,  
Morrisey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nolan of  
Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott, O’Sullivan of Burlington,  
Parent of St. Albans Town, Quimby of Concord, Read of  
Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Smith of  
Derby, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of  
Dorset, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of South  
Burlington, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City,  
and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Economic development; transportation; State airports

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce

1 and Community Development and other designated persons, to develop a  
2 comprehensive plan to promote economic development in the State by  
3 optimizing the operation and marketing of State-owned airports.

4 An act relating to State-owned airports and economic development

5 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

6 ~~Sec. 1. PLAN RELATED TO STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS AND~~

7 ~~ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT~~

8 ~~(a) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of~~  
9 ~~Commerce and Community Development, regional development corporations,~~  
10 ~~regional planning commissions, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the~~  
11 ~~Vermont Aviation Management Association, and any other interested persons,~~  
12 ~~shall develop a comprehensive written plan to promote economic development~~  
13 ~~in the State by optimizing the operation and marketing of State-owned~~  
14 ~~airports. The plan shall specifically address economic development~~  
15 ~~opportunities with respect to each State-owned airport. In developing the plan,~~  
16 ~~the Secretary of Transportation shall consider which aspects of airport~~  
17 ~~operation and marketing should be carried out in partnership with private~~  
18 ~~enterprise. The plan shall list specific action steps and estimate the resources~~  
19 ~~required to execute the plan. The plan also shall include an estimate of, and~~

1 ~~timeline for the economic growth expected to result from the execution of the~~  
2 ~~plan.~~

3 ~~(b) On or before December 15, 2018, the Secretary of Transportation shall~~  
4 ~~submit the plan to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the~~  
5 ~~House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate~~  
6 ~~Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.~~

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING PLAN;*

*MARKETING OF STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS*

*(a)(1) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Commerce and  
Community Development (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of  
Transportation, the legislative body of the municipality in which the airport is  
located, regional development corporations, regional planning commissions,  
the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Aviation Council, State  
airport committees, and any other interested persons, shall update the State's  
Economic Development Marketing Plan to incorporate the marketing of State-  
owned airports.*

*(2) In updating the Marketing Plan, the Secretary shall consider the  
State Aviation Systems Plan and shall address economic development  
opportunities with respect to each State-owned airport, including the*

recruitment and expansion of businesses involved in the development and commercialization of next-generation aeronautics technologies.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary shall submit the updated Marketing Plan to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Transportation.

**Sec. 2. CHARGING STATIONS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS**

**AT STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS; FEASIBILITY EVALUATION**

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

(2) “Renewable energy generating plant” means real and personal property, including any equipment, structure, or facility, used for or directly related to the generation of electricity from renewable energy.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, for each State-owned airport, the Agency of Transportation shall evaluate the feasibility of:

(1) the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at the airport;

(2) the installation of electric aircraft charging stations at the airport;

and

(3) the siting of one or more renewable energy generating plants at the airport.

*Sec. 3. 5 V.S.A. § 807 is amended to read:*

*§ 807. LEASE FOR AIRCRAFT HANGARS AND OTHER STRUCTURES;*

*LEASE TO BUSINESS ENTITIES*

*(a) A designated area or areas on the airport may be leased to a person for the purpose of constructing aircraft hangars, repair shops, or other structures compatible with the use and operation of the airport.*

*(b) A designated area or areas on the airport may also be leased to any business entity consistent with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.*

*~~Sec. 4. DEVELOPMENT OF AEROSPACE SECTOR IN VERMONT:~~*

*~~APPROPRIATION~~*

*~~(a) In fiscal year 2019, the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Vermont Chamber of Commerce to continue its activities to promote development of the Vermont aerospace sector and associated supply chain throughout the State.~~*

*~~(b) The General Assembly intends that both the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section as well as the 2017 extension of the aviation sales and use tax exemption in 32 V.S.A. § 9741(29) promote development of the Vermont aerospace sector and associated supply chain throughout the State.~~*

*Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES*

*(a) This section and Secs. 1–3 shall take effect on passage.*

*~~(b) Sec. 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.~~*

*Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on passage.*